Mr. Robert Heysham

Madeira 15th November 1699

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We confirme the aforegoing Coppy of our last p a Ship bound for Hollond this goes by a nother bound for Rotterdam with Sugars nett & dry Succatt &c being a Portequize ship belonging to this place intends to lade back with corne both wheate & rye if they are to be had upon reasonable Termes —

We have passed our bills under the 20th ultimo being our Publick occation for Lisbon & presume Messrs Hackshaw & Comp.lle wil have noe occation to value themselves upon you for our acct. we having not drawne to the full of what we have in there hands besides what we have in dispute which they charge us for paying our bills at one ℔ Cent is it selfe near 800 Creis we have some mony in Messrs Clarke & Comp.lle hands of Lisbon to whom we have given orders to remitt you upwards of 3000 Creis if the Exchange be any thing in our favour as it was by our last advice from thence at 6/3d p Mil rea in the begining of August past & it is probable the vintage coming on may keep it up but if it be low our orders are not to remitt it but as to what you are to remitt us to lisbon for your owne acct. for the wines we laded you may please to lett it lye for some other occation unless you your selfe find a low Exchange & are minded to make use of it —

We are God be praised at the 16 ditto now considering as we have hinted that Messrs Halls doe not order a ship this year to lade Malvasies we have some thoughts of shipping them to London for our acct. we cannot be positive in our order for freighting a vessel for them altho' we mention this we have an intention that is to say to hire a ship at London that wil carry 100 porte pipes which must not be much less then a 100 Tons because of the stowage to be loaded with wheate if to be purchased not exceeding 4/6d p Bushell to departe Gravesend by the latter end of february or the begining of March now the difficulties we have to gitt over are we doe not know whether those that Messrs Hall had this year are sold or not they writting us that they had disposed of but 30 pipes in August keeping up the price because of their dear cost in Madeira a bout 500 reis p great pipe all charges aborde — we are not assured of Liberty of shipping of Corne nor the price & then as we have already ordered you to lade us wheate p the first soe that we would not have it fall in one upon the other to the prejudiceing of our owne Markett because likewise from others advice corne wil be laden for this place by severall hands as may rationally be Expected —

Weare at the 17 ditto & now say that we order you to freight a Ship that wil carry one hundred Porte Pipes in Pipes out & home from this Island with these conditions that in Case we doe not find itt adviseable to Ship the Malvasies for London that the vessell proceed for

Barbadoes & there to be clare this we presume may be easily done & provided corne cann be purchased at the above price or under these are the two Conditions non because this freightment must be made in this manner it wil be most reasonable to agree for the vesel from London to Madeira & Barbadoes unless we see cause to lade him back againe but that to be left to our choice the Termes must be according as you can procure them — And if it should happen that the ship soe freighted must proceed for Barbados for any reason that we cannot fore see either from our information as we have desired or from what we may have of our selves as that the Malvasies may not be too our likeing & soe not fitting to ship home it wil be necessary that you be concerned in one halfe of this designe because the wines must goe for your acc.t to Barbadoes & then the proceeds of one halfe of the Corne may goe to the purchasing of one halfe of the wine & excuse disputes of soe much ℔ Cent & soe in likemanner you may be concerned the one halfe of the Malvasies as you shall give incouragment because you must be concerned in the outward bound lading of corne & this wil keep all acc.ts Clear but then we must observe to you that you must order the Malvasies to be consigned or put into the hands of Mess.rs Hall or some other Canary Merchant unless W.B. should goe to England with them for it is most certaine that they would be blowne upon in your hands or any other Persons out of the wine trade as it hath severall times happened when they have been forced to sell by Inch of Candle —

We further note to you in Prosecution of this designe that you imediately freight a ship if the corne be to be had as we have before advised because we are sensible that others wil & likewise doe order the ladeing of said Comodity for althó we have limited to the begining of March yet the sooner the better — & it as it may be there wil be noe liberty of shipping of corne from England it wil not be amiss to write or send a vessel to Rotterdam but that wil be delatary & chargable you have the out Ports as wel as London & in many of them can be cheaper supplyed but not soe speedily we hint to you our notion of things but you upon the place know best —

We think there remaines but one thing to say which is that you wil have only to charge us with one halfe of the cost of the wheate and one halfe of the freight of it to this place we have made the proposals in this manner because this wil supply your order for Barbadoes if the vesel must goe theither & if the returns you have put into our hands soe much as that we can lade wines for the West Indies on your Acc.t either where we can procure freight or where you shall order & those proceeds of Corne to goe to one halfe of the Purchase for because this year neither Bays nor any other Manufacture wil turne to Acc.t we have offered to send for a Thousand Pounds value of Goods at 15 ℔ Cent giving twelve months for payment & noe one wil give it us this being what offers we are

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S: we conforme the aforegoing Coppy of our last Since which we have a few lines under the 30. September in favour of Sr William Shippard whose ship is now in porte the weather Rainy soe soone as it breakes shall give her a quick dispatch noe other vesel in Porte we have little to add to our former address which is materiall remaines

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Ditto 5.th December 1699 —

This goes ℔ the Society Capt.n Tregian commander via Capedeverde, being Sr William Shippards ship w.ch we have dispatched and now send you said Capt.n Bill for £291:01:04 upon his Owner at thirty days payable in the House of M.r William Ingram in Ludding Lane — and his Bill on ditto for £17:15 p. on his owne Acc.t —

We conforme the aforegoing Coppys without alteration, noe vessel haveing arrived from any part, nor any sayled hence, but a Dunkerker for St Ubals by whom went these few lines of the 6.th cur.t — we are

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Sr most humble Serv.ts —

W.m Bolton Jonge

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